Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mike Menge at (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be permitted to meet today, September 18, 2000, from 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I have been asked to make certain requests on behalf of the leader.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed en bloc to the following two bills: Calendar No. 681, H.R. 940, and Calendar No. 680, S. 2247.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that any committee amendments be agreed to where appropriate, the bills be read the third time and passed, any title amendments be agreed to, as necessary, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bills be printed in the RECORD, with the above occurring en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ACT OF 1999

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 940) to designate the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment, as follows:

(Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic.)

TITLE I—LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

SECTION 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area Act of 2000".

SEC. 102. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES. (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

- (1) the industrial and cultural heritage of northeastern Pennsylvania, including Lackawanna County, Luzerne County, Wayne County, and Susquehanna County, related directly to anthracite and anthracite-related industries, is nationally significant;
- (2) the industries referred to in paragraph (1) include anthracite mining, ironmaking, textiles, and rail transportation;

(3) the industrial and cultural heritage of the anthracite and anthracite-related industries in the region described in paragraph (1) includes the social history and living cultural traditions of the people of the region;

(4) the labor movement of the region played a significant role in the development of the Nation including—

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(A) the formation of many major unions such as the United Mine Workers of America; and

(B) crucial struggles to improve wages and working conditions, such as the 1900 and 1902 anthracite strikes;

(5)(A) the Secretary of the Interior is responsible for protecting the historical and cultural resources of the United States; and

(B) there are significant examples of those resources within the region described in paragraph (1) that merit the involvement of the Federal Government to develop, in cooperation with the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and local and governmental entities, programs and projects to conserve, protect, and interpret this heritage adequately for future generations, while providing opportunities for education and revitalization; and

(6) the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority would be an appropriate management entity for a Heritage Area established in the region described in paragraph (1).

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area are—

(1) to foster a close working relationship among all levels of government, the private sector, and the local communities in the anthracite coal region of northeastern Pennsylvania and enable the communities to conserve their heritage while continuing to pursue economic opportunities; and

(2) to conserve, interpret, and develop the historical, cultural, natural, and recreational resources related to the industrial and cultural heritage of the 4-county region described in subsection (a)(1).

SEC. 103. DEFINITIONS.

(1) HERITAGE AREA.—The term "Heritage Area" means the Lackawanna Valley Historical Heritage Area established by section 4.

(2) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The term "management entity" means the management entity for the Heritage Area specified in section 4(c).

(3) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term ''management plan'' means the management plan for the Heritage Area developed under section 6(b).

(4) PARTNER.—The term "partner" means—
(A) a Federal, State, or local governmental entity; and

(B) an organization, private industry, or individual involved in promoting the conservation and preservation of the cultural and natural resources of the Heritage Area.

(5) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 104. LACKAWANNA VALLEY NATIONAL HER-ITAGE AREA.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Lackawanna Valley National Heritage Area.

(b) BOUNDARIES.—The Heritage Area shall be comprised of all or parts of Lackawanna County, Luzerne County, Wayne County, and Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, determined in accordance with the compact under section 5.

(c) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The management entity for the Heritage Area shall be the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority.

SEC. 105. COMPACT.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this Title, the Secretary shall enter into a compact with the management entity.
- (b) CONTENTS OF COMPACT.—The compact shall include information relating to the objectives and management of the area, including—
- (1) a delineation of the boundaries of the Heritage Area: and

(2) a discussion of the goals and objectives of the Heritage Area, including an explanation of the proposed approach to conservation and interpretation and a general outline of the protection measures committed to by the partners.

SEC. 106. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE MANAGEMENT ENTITY.

- (a) AUTHORITIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.— The management entity may, for the purposes of preparing and implementing the management plan, use funds made available under this Title to hire and compensate staff.
 - (b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—
- (1) In GENERAL.—The management entity shall develop a management plan for the Heritage Area that presents comprehensive recommendations for the conservation, funding, management, and development of the Heritage Area.
- (2) CONSIDERATION OF OTHER PLANS AND ACTIONS.—The management plan shall—
- (A) take into consideration State, county, and local plans;
- (B) involve residents, public agencies, and private organizations working in the Heritage Area; and
- (C) include actions to be undertaken by units of government and private organizations to protect the resources of the Heritage Area.
- (3) Specification of funding sources.—The management plan shall specify the existing and potential sources of funding available to protect, manage and develon the Heritage Area.
- (4) OTHER REQUIRED ELEMENTS.—The management plan shall include the following:
- (A) An inventory of the resources contained in the Heritage Area, including a list of any property in the Heritage Area that is related to the purposes of the Heritage Area and that should be preserved, restored, managed, developed, or maintained because of its historical, cultural, natural, recreational, or scenic significance.
- (B) A recommendation of policies for resource management that considers and details application of appropriate land and water management techniques, including the development of intergovernmental cooperative agreements to protect the historical, cultural, natural, and recreational resources of the Heritage Area in a manner that is consistent with the support of appropriate and compatible economic viability.
- (C) A program for implementation of the management plan by the management entity, including—
- (i) plans for restoration and construction; and (ii) specific commitments of the partners for the first 5 years of operation.
- (D) An analysis of ways in which local, State, and Federal programs may best be coordinated to promote the purposes of this Act.
- (E) An interpretation plan for the Heritage Area.
- (5) Submission to secretary for approval.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the last day of the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the management entity shall submit the management plan to the Secretary for approval.
- (B) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO SUBMIT.—If a management plan is not submitted to the Secretary by the day referred to in subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall not, after that day, provide any grant or other assistance under this Title with respect to the Heritage Area until a management plan for the Heritage Area is submitted to the Secretary.
- (c) DUTIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The management entity shall—
- (1) give priority to implementing actions specified in the compact and management plan, including steps to assist units of government and nonprofit organizations in preserving the Heritage Area;
- (2) assist units of government and nonprofit organizations in—